(b) whether it is a fact that many cases have remained with the Ministry of Law for many years inspite of reminders from nodal Ministries requesting for early disposal of these cases;

(c) by when Government would give legal opinion against Reliance Industry in each case; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Negotiations with NASA of Weather DATA

2312. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that negotiations held among the Department of Science and Technology, the Indian Space Research Organisation and NASA are still on over the exchange and sharing weather data;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what final decision has been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Space and the Department of Science & Technology of Government of India and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Occeanic and Atmospheric Administration (NCAA) of the United states of America have discussed potential scientific corporation in the field of earth science and associated exchange of data. Based on these discussions, it is intended to formulate cooperative agreement for specific scientific activities and related data exchange for the consideration of the respective Governments.

A final decision has not yet been taken.

Proposal to set up Hospitals & dispensaries in Tribal Areas

2313. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposes to set up hospitals and dispensaries in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the proposals mooted thereon for 8th and 9th plan;

(c) whether Government have also a proposal to implement schemes to provide adequate health care in the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Health is a State subject. The establishment of Health infrastructure including hospitals and dispensaries in the States including tribal areas is the responsibility of the State/UT Govts. As such, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) In order to provide promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care in the tribal areas in the Country, rural health infrastructure consisting of a number of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health centres have been established on relaxed propulation norms throughout the Country.

Besides this, a number of allopathic dispensaries/hospitals/mobile clinics, ayurvedic Hospitals/Dispensaries, Homoeopathic Hospitals/Dispensaries and Unani/Siddhha dispensaries are also functioning to cater to there health care needs in the tribal areas in the country.